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DRAUGHTS CONTEST.

THE second week of the International Draughts Contest was commenced last Monday at Spennymoor. The sixteenth game in the Smith v. Barker match for £100 and a silver cup terminated on Tuesday morning in a draw, after nearly three hours' play. It was a return of the single corner played on Monday. The next game was a second double corner, and after three hours and a half play Barker won. The score up to Wednesday was—Barker, 3; Smith, 1; drawn, 13. The chances of Smith recovering the lost ground were considered remote.

THE SEASON of rheumatism and chills having set in with all severity, it may be of advantage to know that St. Jacobs Oil is one of the very best lubricants to apply to rheumatic joints and sore throats, and in cases of neuralgia. The Charles A. Vogeler Company must have effected such innumerable cures and alleviated so much pain by means of St. Jacobs Oil as to be regarded as general benefactors.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1889.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

I FANCY that as the Old Year went out in town in a thick fog, and the New Year began in a fog, one of the first duties of the coming London County Council ought to be the bestowal of the boon of the Electric Light on the streets of this benighted metropolis. London sadly needs "More Light," as Goethe said.

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Mr. Irving's superb reproduction of "Macbeth" and Miss Ellen Terry's new reading of Lady Macbeth are the chief topics of table-talk in London. Leaving "The Playgoer" to pass judgment on the latest performances of these happily-paired artists—for artists they are to the tips of their fingers and the lashes of their eyelids—I may remark that the Lyceum was thronged with notabilities last Saturday night. Those thick and fast friends, good-humoured Mr. Edmund Yates and Mr. J. C. Parkinson, were early in the stalls; and in the same lively quarter of the packed house I recognised jovial Mr. F. C. Burnand and Mr. J. R. Robinson (astute Manager of the *Daily News*), near Mr. Henry Lucy, colossal Mr. Boyes, buoyant Mr. Beatty Kingston (fresh from his remarkable interview with the Pope at Rome, whitherto his great *D. T.* colleague, Mr. Sala, is now speeding), Mr. W. S. Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. Pinero, Mr. Charles Mathews and his charming wife, Mr. Nisbet, Mr. Harry Furniss, Mr. Clement Scott, Mr. Nisbet (of the *Times*), Mr. E. R. Russell, Mr. Joseph Knight, and many another man of mark. From the Royal box looked down that intellectual gentleman, Mr. Phelps, the American Minister, and a large party; and in the adjoining box were the members of the Terris-Lewis family—the Kate Terry we all admired in the same playhouse long ago surrounded by a bevy of fair daughters. The Earl and Countess of Londesborough, most constant of first-nighters, occupied the O. P. stage-box with their handsome family; and in a box on the opposite side were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lawson, with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lawson and Mr. and Mrs. Hulse. That Mr. Irving was well pleased with the close attention the large audience paid to "Macbeth" was evident from the tone of his admirable little speech at the conclusion of the play.

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In search of Sunshine many a friend has fled southwards. Mr. G. R. Sims, satisfied with the great success of "The Silver Falls" at the Adelphi, presently joins the sun-seeking host, it being his intention to resume his search for the lion of Algeria in company with the inseparable courier he dubs "Albert Edward"—once a Soudan Lieutenant of General Gordon.

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The beautification of London, as intimated, is one of the important matters the coming County Council will be bound to tackle. Meanwhile, the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association merits support for what it has done towards the adornment of the Metropolis. It maintains many capital playgrounds for children, and has thrown open several disused town burial-grounds as pleasure-gardens for the people. The Earl of Meath is the benevolent Chairman and Treasurer; and our well-to-do readers may feel disposed to aid this praiseworthy work by sending subscriptions to the noble Earl, at Coutts's Bank, 59, Strand. I may add that among the Vice-Chairmen of this excellent Association are Earl Fortescue, the venerable Cardinal Manning, and Lord Sandhurst.

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One of those modern Knights who earnestly crusade on behalf of the poverty-stricken little ones of London, Mr. Althro Alfred Knight begins the New Year well by joining some kindred spirits in providing a substantial dinner of Roast Beef and Plum-Pudding to some 600 or 700 poor boys and girls befriended by the Hackney Juvenile Mission. Those who would help this good work should send their Postal Notes to Mr. A. A. Knight, Knightsville, Brockley, S.E., whereto may also be sent cast-off boots or clothing for Misery's offspring. For seventeen years has the Hackney Juvenile Mission striven hard to mitigate distress in one of London's most populous districts. When its supporters comprise such estimable public men as Sir Charles Russell, M.P., and Sir R. N. Fowler, M.P., the character of the Mission must be above suspicion. Having been so intimately "in touch" with the Poor of London, Mr. Althro Knight should make an admirable member of the Town Council for the Deptford Division. Mr. Knight lays "great stress upon the importance of taxing ground-rents and land-values." Hear! Hear!

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New Year "Windfalls"! Who wouldn't be the happier for a spell of Good Fortune? In the hope that some of my readers may be in Luck's way, I subjoin the list sent me by a zealous correspondent of claimants wanted for legacies of money or estate:—

Lady Elizabeth S. is requested "in her own interest" to communicate her whereabouts, she being interested in the unclaimed estate of a lady who died on a voyage to the Netherlands; T. J. H. has died "without issue, parent, brother, sister, aunt, nephew, or niece him surviving," consequently his more distant kindred are sought; and the first and second cousins, children, and descendants of the uncles and aunts of a doctor in physic, who died, at Nice, in 1832, are wanted.

Many years ago C. W. and his wife died of fever in London, leaving three surviving children, who were received into some unknown orphanage, since which time all trace of them has been lost. They are now wanted to claim both real and personal estate. In a similar case a clue is much wanted to the whereabouts of a child, described as having fair hair and blue eyes, who was left at the Foundling Hospital in 1861. The heirs of a teacher who perished in a snowstorm; and the children of J. S., who is believed to have been drowned in the Torres Straits, are wanted; also W. D., described as of Odessa, Havre, San Francisco, and Melbourne. The widow and daughter of a person who was murdered are inquired for; and the son of a clergyman, who went to Australia in 1853, who has been many years lost sight of, is interested in the estate of his father.

Trust funds are now divisible among the legatees of a stocking-frame maker, who died in 1827; and a legacy of £500, bequeathed as long since as 1854, and now amounting, with interest, to £1533, is now payable.

Among many notices inquiring for next-of-kin may be noted the following:—Of N. L., probably from Malta, who was born in 1780; of S. H., of Manchester, who died in 1836; of two woollen manufacturers, who died about fifty years ago; of T. M., of Auckland; of a chief constable and sheriff officer; of A. W., of Rome; of a butcher; of a banker's clerk; and of a blacksmith, who died in 1829.

Numerous persons were inquired for by order of the Court of Chancery as interested in disputed estates. Among these, the following:—F. J. S., last heard of as taking part in a surveying expedition in America; A. B., reported to have died in a hospital at New York; H. B., who left England in 1826, and never returned; C. E. J., who went to France; the son of a flour dealer; and G. R., supposed to have enlisted in the Royal Horse Artillery.

The heirs of Catherine C., a lunatic; of J. K. (to whom a large sum of money has been left); of S. P. R., who died in 1843; and of M. H., of Wakefield, who died in 1869, are sought; also the representatives of a Jamaica merchant, of that island in 1812; and of T. B., who left for Australia over twenty years since.

A clue is desired to a succession of 60,000,000 dols., and very many rewards (including one of £10,000) offered for missing certificates, wills, kindred advertisements, &c.

It would be easy to lengthen these jottings, as the number of persons annually advertised for may be reckoned by thousands; but I must not trespass further on your valuable space.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,
SIDNEY H. PRESTON
(Proprietor of "Chambers's Index to Next-of-Kin").
1, Great College-st.,
Westminster, S.W., Dec. 31, 1888.

The Harlequin of Special Artists, Mr. Melton Prior, has returned to London in time to enjoy the pantomime, after his trip round the world on behalf of *The Illustrated London News*. The ubiquitous Artist experienced a return of his old Ashantee fever on landing upon our bleak shores. But Mr. Prior is now his merry self again.

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Mr. Rider H. Haggard boldly starts in this week's *Illustrated London News* what he considers to be the best romance he has yet written, "Cleopatra," splendidly illustrated by Mr. R. Caton Woodville, the eminent Battle Painter. One penalty of Mr. Haggard's popularity is that a pirate of Belgium has reprinted in French his famous story of "King Solomon's Mines," with the names of the characters altered, and the title changed to "The Queen of Sheba." I am glad to hear that same corsair has been brought to book.

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The "Royal House of Stuart" Exhibition at the New Gallery in Regent-street is rich in relics of Charles the First, and in paintings of Marie Stuart, the two Charleses, and their contemporaries. I found it of the greatest interest, and shall revisit it. The historic collection says much for the industry of the Earl of Ashburnham and his committee. The Winter Exhibition of the Works of Old Masters at the Royal Academy will open next Monday, and will consist mainly of paintings by Rembrandt and Watteau (whose charming figures will be copied by the eminent costumier, M. Alias, in the new comic opera of "Paul Jones," at the Prince of Wales's Theatre). Among the British pictures will be found a seasonable selection from the works of the late Frank Holl, to found a memorial of whom Earl Spencer will preside over a meeting on Friday.

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The first great social event of the New Year is the grand Fancy-Dress Ball to be given by Colonel and Mrs. North on Friday night, Jan. 4, in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole to some 800 guests. This sumptuary fête has seasonably yielded occupation to thousands of hands; the principal West-End costumiers, hosiers, and silk mercers having been at their wits' ends to meet the demands of the invited. Hence the gallant Colonel's bountiful hospitality will be a distinct benefit to the busy bees of town. A little bird has whispered in my ear that Lady Randolph Churchill may go as "Queen of the Night," that Colonel North will be handsomely garbed as Henry VIII., Mrs. North in a beautiful Louis Quinze costume, Mr. Harry North in a dress of the same period, and sweetly pretty Miss North as an enchanting Turkish Princess.

[*Town Edition.*] PHILIP.

Queen and Court.

THE QUEEN drove out at Osborne last Saturday afternoon, accompanied by Princess Louise and Princess Sophie of Prussia, and the Empress Frederick walked in the grounds with Princess Victoria of Prussia and the Marquis of Lorne. The Queen, the Empress Frederick, and the members of the Royal family attended Divine service at Osborne on Sunday morning. The Rev. Canon Capel Cure, M.A., Chaplain-in-Ordinary to her Majesty, officiated.

General the Right Hon. Sir Henry and the Hon. Lady Ponsonby, and the Rev. Canon Capel Cure, had the honour of dining with their Majesties and the Royal family on Sunday.

The Queen's New Year's gifts, consisting of beef and coals, were presented to the poor of Windsor and Clewer on Tuesday.

About the 12th inst. the Empress Frederick and her daughters are expected to arrive at Buckingham Palace, en route to Sandringham, to visit the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Princess Christian on Monday recommenced her free dinners for poor children at the Windsor Guildhall. Her Royal Highness was assisted in her charitable labours by the Mayor and his wife. Her Royal Highness, who intends continuing the children's dinners twice a week during the winter season, is also generously distributing coals to the poor from her relief fund.

THE PRINCE OF WALES,

with Princes Albert Victor and George, enjoyed excellent sport last week at Sandringham; and the Princess of Wales and her daughters took daily drives in the neighbourhood. The Prince and Princess of Wales, with Prince Albert Victor and Prince George, and Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, attended by the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Household, were present at Divine service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene in the park on Sunday morning.

Prince Albert Victor and the Duke of Cambridge will arrive at Didlington Hall, Norfolk, on Jan. 7, on a visit to Mr. Tyssen-Amherst.

Prince Albert Victor, as patron of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, has received £50 from the Queen for the funds of the society, together with a hearty message.

The Marquis of Salisbury has kept Christmas and the New Year at Hatfield. Mr. Gladstone, generally felicitated on the celebration of his 79th birthday on Dec. 29, is enjoying himself with Mrs. Gladstone at Naples.

The funeral of the late Viscount Eversley took place on Wednesday at Kensal-green Cemetery.

OLD YEAR CRIMES.

BRADFORD was on Saturday last horrified by the news that a schoolboy, named John Gill, under eight years of age, the son of a cabman in the town, had been found murdered and shockingly mutilated. The remains were discovered in a stable-yard by a butcher's apprentice. The deceased had been missing from his home since the Thursday morning, having left for the purpose of accompanying a milkman named Barrett on his daily round. He was last seen alive in the company of Barrett, who was arrested and taken before the Magistrates, and, after a few witnesses had been called, was remanded.

Mr. Hutchinson, the Bradford borough Coroner, opened an inquest on Monday afternoon touching the death of John Gill. The only witness examined was the boy's father, who identified the body as that of his son. The investigation was adjourned till Friday week. Various rumours are current in the town, both as to the facts of the crime and the revolting motives which may have led to its commission.

The murdered boy's parents, who attend Kirkgate Wesleyan Chapel, were on Monday visited by the Rev. A. Clayton, the minister, and others connected with the church. Great sympathy is on all hands expressed for them. They are quite broken down by the terrible calamity. Many of the most painful details of the affair have been kept from the mother's knowledge. In the course of an interview the father said:—

"Johnny was a good lad. He never stopped away from home, and hence our alarm and concern on Thursday and Friday. He attended school both on Sundays and week-days with regularity. He was at school up to the Christmas holidays. He was a very careful lad, and was pleased that he would have some money that he had saved to put in the bank at the close of the holidays. I saw the body at the mortuary, and kissed my poor boy's cold, wet lips. My wife also saw the body. She had to go to see it. It was his face only we saw, and it was as pleasant in death as it was in life—a sweet face, quite placid and bonny. If they had brought home my child drowned I imagine I could have borne the loss with more fortitude; but the very thought of this awful and terrible mutilation and butchery has completely overwhelmed me, and rendered me quite unfit for anything. The thing is really awful to me to think of. I cannot understand how such a deed can have been done, for, as I have said, Johnny was liked by everybody."

EXECUTIONS.

Charles Bulmer, aged fifty-one, a groom, of Huddersfield, was executed in Armley Jail, Leeds, on Tuesday morning, for the murder of his wife in September last, by nearly cutting off her head with a razor. His domestic life had, owing to his drinking habits, been a very unhappy one.

Thomas Clews, aged twenty-three, was executed the same morning in Stafford Prison for the murder of Mary Jane Bonell, at Washerwell, near Stoke-on-Trent, in September last. The woman and Clews had cohabited, but becoming jealous he lay in wait for her with a hatchet, and killed her.

William Gower, aged eighteen, a moulder, and Charles Joseph Dobell, aged nineteen, a plumber, were hanged on Wednesday morning, at Maidstone Jail, for the murder of Bensley Cyrus Lawrence, by shooting him through the head, on July 20 last, in a timber-yard adjoining the Baltic Saw-Mills, at Tunbridge Wells.

AN effort is still needed to secure the purchase of the Lawn and Carroun House Grounds, comprising about seven acres, near Lambeth Palace, for a people's garden and place of recreation. The greater part of the money required, some £36,000, will be granted by the Metropolitan Board of Works, the Lambeth Vestry, and other public bodies, if voluntary subscriptions make up the remainder before the end of January. It is necessary to raise £5000 in this manner; and meetings have been held, under the direction of the Kyrle Society, to promote the object. We heartily recommend this project to any of our readers inclined to give even a few shillings for a very good purpose.

TOBACCONISTS COMMENCING.—See "Ill. Guide," post-free. Tobacconists' Co., 11, Beech-street, London, E.C.—[ADVT.]

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BURNING OF A MISSISSIPPI STEAMER.

THE MISSISSIPPI STEAMERS,

with their cotton-laden decks and dangerous superstructures of inflammable wood, have long been regarded as perilous fire-traps. After the deplorable disaster illustrated on our front page, it is to be hoped our ingenious American brethren will design a safe type of steamer for the navigation of their great rivers. It was on Christmas Eve that

THE STEAMER JOHN H. HANNA

was destroyed by fire on the Mississippi at Plaquemines, Louisiana. Four white men lost their lives, the remainder of those who perished being negroes. Sad details are sent by the New York Correspondent of the *Daily News*. The fire was discovered at midnight. Most of the passengers were asleep. The steamer was laden with cotton, which was in a very dry condition, and the flames spread with fearful rapidity. Within three minutes the vessel was one sheet of flame from stem to stern. The scene was terrible in the extreme. Men yelled and ran about the deck like maniacs; others, screaming at the top of their voices, threw themselves into the river. The chief clerk, Mr. Powell, went to every door, and made certain that the passengers and hands were awake, and urged them to hurry to the front of the boat before they were cut off. They did so, but were thrown into confusion by the darkness of the night, the blinding smoke, and their own fright. The smoke was so thick and suffocating from the

HIGH PILES OF BURNING COTTON

that a number of persons, in trying to force their way to the bow, were overcome by it, and fell suffocated on the deck. The flames soon reached the engine-room, bursting the steam-pipes and releasing great volumes of steam, that severely scalded several of the men, who were driven from the room.

BOTH THE CAPTAIN AND BOB SMITH,

the famous pilot of another burned steamer, met their deaths after getting ashore. They sprang into the mud on the bank, and, becoming fast, were slowly roasted to death by the intense heat from the burning boat. They buried their faces and hands in the soft mud to protect themselves, and appealed to the people on shore to come to their assistance; but in vain!

JIM GIVENS'S HEROISM.

A New York correspondent says:—"The latest reports of the Mississippi steamer disaster give an account of a remarkable deed of heroism, performed by a deck hand named Jim Givens. When the burning steamer touched the bank and bounded away, the pilot left the wheel and sprang overboard. Givens quickly realised that the salvation of all on board depended upon the steamer being brought back to the bank. The pilot-house was surrounded by flames, but the brave fellow sprang to the wheel, and brought the steam-boat's head again to the bank, and, in order to keep her there, made the wheel fast in proper position. The fire swept over the pilot-house, and he was imprisoned by the flames. To escape, it was necessary to push through a wall of fire. He made a dash for the side of the vessel, and, although frightfully burned, succeeded in reaching it. With his clothing all ablaze he jumped into the river, and struggled to the bank, where he was pulled ashore by willing hands in a horribly burnt and exhausted state. He died, after indescribable agony, a few hours later. The case is a striking parallel to that of Jim Bludsoe, the hero of John Hay's poem, who died at the helm of a Mississippi steamer which was on fire, in accordance with his vow to 'hold her nozzle agin the bank till the last galoot's ashore.'"

THE MISSISSIPPI STEAM-BOAT, KATE ADAMS,

carrying 200 passengers and 1200 bales of cotton, was also burnt near Memphis, whither she was bound, on the morning before Christmas Day. The fire broke out among some cotton bales near the bow, and the wind soon swept it aft. The officers behaved admirably, running the steam-boat ashore in the course of a few minutes, and then launching the boats to land the passengers. Many of those on deck in a panic jumped overboard. Twenty-four lives are known to have been lost, and several passengers are missing, and it is thought that about forty persons in all have perished. Another steamer, named the Leif Erickson, was burned the same day near Seattle, Washington Territory. Six persons perished in the fire.

DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS in colds, all affections of the chest, asthma, and consumption, act like a charm, giving ease to the chest, and promoting a comfortable night's rest. Sold by all Druggists.—[ADVT.]

THE NEW STATUE OF THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON AT HYDE PARK CORNER.

THE "IRON DUKE."

New Year, we trust, will see the foundations laid for a New and Healthy London, as we have great hope in the reforming spirit of the forthcoming County Council. Londoners sadly need a sweeping sanitary and architecturalchange in Modern Babylon. In the way of improving the main arteries, much has been done in the centre of London by the building of Shaftesbury Avenue and Charing Cross-road; and it will be seen from the above careful Drawing by Mr. F. Watkins that a considerable alteration has taken place at Hyde Park-corner, where a new statue of the great Duke of Wellington has lately been erected—the old equestrian statue having been shifted to the Camp at Aldershott. The new bronze statue, by Mr. J. E. Boehm, R.A., was unveiled by the Prince of Wales on the 21st of December. It appropriately faces Apsley House, the residence of the Duke of Wellington. The victor of Waterloo is seated on his famous horse, Copenhagen; his left hand holding the reins, and his right a telescope. The statue is guarded by four bronze figures of soldiers. Our Illustration gives a view looking eastward to Piccadilly, the Green Park being to the right, and the mansions on the left next to Apsley House being, respectively, the palatial town-houses of Lord De Rothschild, Sir Edmund Antrobus, Mr. Hamar Alfred Bass, M.P., Mr. W. B. and Lady Margaret Beaumont, Baron Ferdinand De Rothschild, M.P., and Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P.

COLONEL NORTH'S GRAND GIFT TO LEEDS.

In the New Year, we hope to be able to chronicle many a graceful act such as that which has endeared the name of Colonel John T. North to Leeds. This public-spirited gentleman—one of the blithest and heartiest of Yorkshiremen—familiarly known in the City of London as the "Nitrate King"—takes keen delight in spreading happiness around him in the kindliest and most bountiful manner. Thus, having frequently played as a boy in the grounds of Kirkstall Abbey, and remembering with pleasure the happy hours he had spent there, it occurred to the gallant Commander of the efficient regiment of Tower Hamlets Volunteer Engineers that the rising generations of the present and future in populous Leeds might like to secure Kirkstall Abbey and Park as a public recreation-place for ever. No sooner thought of than done! The opportunity came the week before Christmas. The historic ruins and adjoining pleasaunce were bought by Colonel North for £10,000, and most generously presented to his native town of Leeds, which he has benefited in other ways. All honour to Colonel North for his princely gift to Leeds! We print an Engraving of Kirkstall Abbey, in recognition of his great munificence—and to stimulate others to make similarly handsome presents to the overcrowded parishes of London, and of the chief cities in the kingdom.

KIRKSTALL ABBEY.

The famous ruins of Kirkstall Abbey—visited by her Majesty the Queen, with the Prince Consort in 1858—are considered among the finest in England. Of great historic interest in themselves, they occupy a very picturesque position in the valley of the Aire, about three miles from Leeds, and near the Kirkstall Station, so that in Spring, Summer, and Autumn, numerous family parties from Leeds will assuredly hie to Kirkstall Park and Abbey to enjoy the renovating scenes Colonel North's liberality has placed at their disposition for ever. Kirkstall Abbey was founded in 1153 by Henry De Lacy, the great Baron of Pontefract, in fulfilment of a vow he made while suffering under a dangerous illness. A colony of Cistercian monks from Fountains Abbey settled there upon the invitation of De Lacy, who, in addition to the grant of the beautiful site for their monastery, plentifully supplied them with money and provisions. The monks throve under this powerful patron and his successor. But

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hard times ensued. Even in the "good old times" of 1284 they got into debt to the tune of £5248 odd. The site was granted by Henry VIII., in exchange for other lands, to Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury. After various other transmissions it came into the possession of the Earls of Cardigan; but it was left to Colonel North to show "Our Old Nobility" how best to benefit the public by this fine estate. To the past neglect of man, and the beautifying powers of Nature, this grand old ruin is indebted for the picturesqueness which charms every visitor. Man left it to decay; but Nature carpeted its floor with grass and flowers, and adorned its walls with a luxuriant growth of ivy. And so it stands, in the neighbourhood of furnaces and factories, a memorial of bygone times—now to be a thing of joy and beauty for ever to the citizens of Leeds, grace to the noble gift of Colonel North.

CHARGE OF THE EGYPTIAN TROOPS AT SOUAKIM.

We return to General Grenfell's smart victory over the Soudanese before Souakim in order to fitly commemorate the valour of the gallant Egyptian troops on the occasion. The spirited engagement commenced at an early hour on the morning of Thursday, Dec. 20; and its general features were described in our last. The action settled at one blow the Siege of Souakim, the courageous besiegers being repelled and defeated with much slaughter.

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General Grenfell gave the post of honour in the attack on the enemy's intrenchments to the Egyptian Black Troops, who pluckily advanced at half-past seven o'clock to the assault. They, with quickening steps, went with a dash at the line of trenches, discharging their rifles right up to the last yard. There was never the slightest doubt as to the result. Bayonet and sword crossed spear, but the tribesmen could not stand at close quarters against our well-drilled Soudanese. The fanatics, many of them, fought with desperate bravery to the last; but seeing their comrades cut down right and left, the survivors fled, leaving the trenches in the hands of the Egyptians. At the same time a rush was made upon the redoubts. Here, again, the dervishes fought desperately, scores battling to the death rather than yield. But our brave Soudanese were not to be denied, and in a few minutes all that were left of the rebels were flying.

During the assault good service was done by the Naval Brigade, who poured a terrific fire upon the enemy from the machine-guns of which they had charge. The 11th Egyptian Battalion captured one of the enemy's guns and the 9th Battalion the other, the Black troops going mad for joy. The Naval Brigade, composed of sixty men, manned the embankment during the fight. The dervishes, thus driven from their works, fled to the bush, where large numbers of their friends were lurking. The cavalry and mounted infantry at once started in pursuit, the gallant 20th Hussars dashing among the bushes and cutting down those who tried to make a stand, while the guns of the forts and ships sent their shell far overhead into the bush beyond, searching it in every direction, and sending the dervishes flying at the top of their speed towards Handoub and Hasheen.

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We were informed by the *Daily News* Special Correspondent at Souakim on Monday that on that morning a redoubt was constructed on the site of old Fort Handoub, at a distance of two thousand yards from the walls of the town. The enemy's scouts were seen from this fort.

Abd-el-Kadr, the Sheik of the only friendly tribe that had not answered the Sirdar's proclamation, responded on Monday in most favourable terms.

The Cairo Correspondent of the same journal stated that a detachment of the Scottish Borderers and the British sick and wounded arrived on Monday night from Souakim. Mr. Arnold Morley and Mr. Herbert Gardner had an interview with Riaz Pasha the same day. They proceeded up the Nile on the morrow.

THE MAHDI AND EMIN PASHA.

Baron Reuter's agent at Souakim wires that a Greek, who appears to be a man of intelligence, has arrived at that Red Sea port from Khartoum, which place he left two months ago, travelling by way of Kassala. He declares that at the time of his departure nothing whatever was known at Khartoum of the fall of the Equatorial Provinces and the capture of Emin Pasha. He further states that the Madhi's troops were twice defeated in the Bahr-el-Gazelle province. This report—coupled with the news Sir John Pender received of Stanley's safety a few months ago—gave the lie to Osman Digna's wily message.

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Chat of the London Gossips.

["WHAT THE *World* SAYS."]

MR. EDMUND YATES perpetrates a welcome Irish "bull" this week. He accords the place of honour as "Celebrity at Home" to a distinguished and gallant soldier who has spent his Christmas far, far from home—viz., Colonel Kitchener, who is hit off by Mr. Yates's limner with a De Neuville-like vigour as he appeared unto the pen-and-ink *World* portrayer at his old London hotel, the "United," Charles-street, Haymarket. The valiant Cavalry leader was portrayed in this paper, it will be remembered, on his recent arrival at Souakim.

The Queen and the Empress Frederick have taken long drives every fine day since they went to Osborne, and have twice passed through Newport. The grounds at Osborne are so well laid out that a drive of eight miles can be taken in them without going outside the Royal gates.

Prince and Princess Christian and Lord and Lady Salisbury are to be invited to Sandringham to meet the Empress Frederick during her visit to the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Two fine otter-hounds have arrived at Sandringham from Stuttgart, being a present to the Prince of Wales from Prince Hermann of Saxe-Weimar.

A spacious gymnasium, arranged on the German system, has been fitted up at Osborne during the past autumn; and a similar gymnasium was recently established at Balmoral.

Mrs. Townley's Christmas-Day dance has almost reached the dignity of a social institution, and nearly everybody who remained in London was to be found in Upper Grosvenor-street. The Duchess of Manchester and Lady Cotterell brought their daughters; Lady Howe, Mrs. Bischoffsheim, and Colonel and Mrs. Keith Fraser were amongst the guests; America was represented by Mrs. A. Post and Mrs. Adair.

The Duke of Newcastle is to be married to Miss Candy during the third week in February, at All Saints', Margaret-street.

Lord and Lady Londonderry inaugurated a short Christmas season in Dublin prior to their departure to Mount Stewart for a few weeks; for, in addition to many dinner-parties, there was a charming costume dance for children at the Viceregal Lodge on Thursday se'nnight.

The Duke and Duchess of St. Albans have a large party staying with them at Bestwood.

The Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch are staying at Bowhill, Selkirkshire, with a large family party.

The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough have been entertaining a large party at Blenheim during the holidays.

Bath is now enjoying the patronage of an unusually large number of visitors. Mr. Henry Labouchere is fortifying himself by a course of the waters; and the Christmas Ball proved a distinct success.

The Villa Rocca Bella at Posilippo, where Mr. Gladstone is residing during his visit to Naples, does not belong to Mr. Rendel, as has been stated, but is merely rented by him for two months from the owner, Mrs. Russell, who bought it from the executors of Lady Strangford. It was the abode of Garibaldi when he paid his last visit to Naples only a few months before his death.

The house is a perfectly plain building of three storeys, and in no respect remarkable, the exceptional charms of the place being the romantic situation under the Posilippo cliff and overhanging the sea, the beautiful grounds, and the spacious terrace, which commands a magnificent view of the city and Bay of Naples, with Vesuvius, Capri, and Sorrento in the distance.

The house and grounds are nicely sheltered from the north, and the whole place gets the full benefit of the sun throughout the day. The villa is approached by a steep and winding road, and it is perfectly quiet and secluded.

THROAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be agreeably surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES." People troubled with a "hacking cough," a "slight cold," or bronchial affections, cannot try them too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious pulmonary and asthmatic affections. See that the words "Brown's Bronchial Troches" are on the Government stamp around each box.—Of all Chemists, 1s. 1½d. per Box.—[ADVT.]

["*Truth* TO TELL."]

Her Majesty has finally decided not to build a villa at Aix-les-Bains, although the site, which was upon the Hill of Tresserves, and overlooked the Lac du Bourget, was purchased more than a year ago, and the plans of the projected house had been drawn out.

A large sum has been expended by the Queen in building a spacious villa in the grounds of Claremont, as a residence for Sir Robert Collins, who manages the household and the pecuniary affairs of the Duchess of Albany.

The principal drawing-room at Buckingham Palace is being splendidly redecorated in blue and gold, from designs selected by the Queen and Princess Beatrice. This imposing room is next to the ball-room, and there is a charming view of the Palace grounds from the windows. It contains some exceedingly fine family portraits by Gainsborough.

H.R.H. and the Princess are to be the guests of Lord and Lady Zetland at Aske Hall, Yorkshire, for three days during the latter part of this month. They will visit Middlesbrough during their stay at Aske.

Prince George of Wales returns to Malta early this month to stay until May, when he will be transferred from the Mediterranean to the Channel Squadron.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, who are to arrive at Clarence House, from Malta, shortly after Easter, will go to Russia early in June, to represent the English Court at the marriage of the Grand Duke Paul Alexandrovitch, the youngest brother of the Czar, with Princess Alexandra of Greece, which ceremony is to take place at St. Petersburg.

A reconciliation will shortly take place between the Czar and Prince Alexander of Battenberg. The late Empress of Russia, when on her death-bed, repeatedly exhorted her husband and eldest son always to continue the good friends of her brother and his family.

The death of Mr. Sloane Stanley, of Paultons Park, is much regretted in South Hants, as he was one of the most popular landlords in the county, and was greatly esteemed. Mr. Sloane Stanley was well known in yachting circles.

MR. BRIGHT.—On Monday evening Mr. Bright again sat up in his chamber for a considerable time, and appeared to benefit by the change. On Sunday night he had a sleep which lasted for eight hours, and when Dr. Hayle examined him on Monday morning he pronounced him to be stronger than on the previous day, and to be progressing steadily towards convalescence.

"SELL'S Dictionary of the World's Press, and Advertisers' Reference-Book" amply justifies its title. It is a substantial memorial of the industry and business acumen of Mr. Henry Sell, the well-known advertising agent of 167 and 168, Fleet-street. The New Year issue, the ninth annual volume issued by Mr. Sell, contains a variety of articles of use to all concerned in newspapers; portraits of a good representative body of London and provincial pressmen; and comprehensive alphabetical lists of newspapers and periodicals. Great advertisers will find "Sell's Dictionary of the World's Press" invaluable.

FATAL FIRE AT ST. LUKE'S WORKHOUSE.—Great excitement was caused last Monday night, at eleven o'clock, by a report that St. Luke's Workhouse, in Shepherdess-walk, City-road, was in flames. A fire had broken out in the men's bedrooms on the second floor. Two of the hydrants fitted to the building were at once set to work. Two of the bed-rooms were blazing fiercely when the firemen arrived, and the utmost alarm prevailed amongst the inmates. The flames were fortunately subdued, the two rooms only being gutted. It was then found that an inmate named William Bunce, aged fifty-five, had been suffocated.

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Sport.

NEW YEAR'S EVENTS.

MONDAY last brought a little wagering on the future. Some money in the market for Colonel North's nomination for the Waterloo Cup (to be run for on Feb. 20 and following days) led to 8 to 1 being offered on the field, but this would not tempt the backer. Then, on the Derby, as one layer failed to lay three "monkeys" against Donovan, he betted 100 to 30 three times, and also laid 1200 to 60 against each Gulliver and Gay Hampton. Separately these were the only trio mentioned; but a conditional wager of 100 to 15 some half-dozen times was closed with about each Donovan, El Dorado, Laureate, and Chitabob.

MANCHESTER.

A dense mist overhung the racecourse at Manchester on Tuesday afternoon, and, consequently, but little could be seen of the racing. The attendance was a fairly good one, the holiday element being well represented. Burghley upset a better favourite in Minstrel Maid for the Hunters' Flat-race, and old Sophist, who seems to have a partiality for the new Barns track, easily secured the New-Year's Hurdle Handicap, for which Trevelyan started favourite. Success secured the Selling Hurdle-race, for which he started a well-backed favourite, and was subsequently bought in for 130 guineas. Bedfellow was the only absentee of the five overnight entries for the Tuesday Selling Hurdle-race, and backers were right in standing Meldrum, as she won so easily that she realised 260 guineas, when put up to auction, at which price she passed into the possession of Mr. Leng. The Hunters' Steeplechase Plate was a match between Coronet and M.P. and the odds laid on the former were never in doubt. A poor day's sport was wound up by the victory of Champion in the Qualifying Hunters' Steeplechase.

BILLIARDS.

At the Westminster Aquarium on Monday, Peall and White commenced a "spot-in" match of 15,000 up, White being allowed 4500 start. Peall made 120, 206, 134, 102, 115, and 168 (unfinished) in the afternoon, and White's best efforts were 119, 131, and 375. In the evening Peall increased his break to 780, which included 256 spots, and he subsequently made 122 and 374. At the end of the first day's proceedings the totals were: White, 5565; Peall (in play on the spot), 2500.

At the same favourite resort, on Saturday night last, W. J. Peall and W. Mitchell concluded their 8000 up, spot-barred match. Peall won by 986 points.

THE LEA HARRIERS

last Saturday brought off one of its most favourite fixtures—viz., a seven miles' walking-race—the starting point being at Chingford Station and the finish at the Cock Hotel, Epping. There were twenty competitors, including A. F. Heath (the club's captain) and J. E. Dixon (fifty miles' amateur champion). In the result, F. Millington-Hare (the club's hon. sec.), who showed unexpected form, finished first, 15 yards in front of F. V. Garland, who headed A. F. Heath by 80 yards.

HER MAJESTY'S STAG-HOUNDS.

On Tuesday, New Year's Day, the meet was at Farnham-common. On Friday, the 4th inst., the meet is at Brick Bridge, and a special train for Maidenhead leaves Paddington at 10.10 a.m. The brisk run on the Friday before Christmas was participated in by that thorough sportsman and good fellow, Mr. Henry Sampson, who, as the doughty "Pendragon," gave a graphic description of the field in the last number of the *Referee*.

THE ROYAL STUD AT HAMPTON.

A recommendation has been made that the Royal Stud establishment at Hampton Court should be broken up next summer and all the stock sold off; but the Queen has not yet signified her decision, and the Prince of Wales is very averse to the abolition. If a profit can be shown for the last few years the chances are that the stud will be continued.

A NEWMARKET FEAST.

Monday last was the birthday of the Newmarket trainer, Richard Marsh, whose employés were treated to their annual feast at the expense of the master of Lordship Farm and Mr. D. Thirlwell, the well-known gentleman rider. After the inner man had been well looked after, the evening was given over to song, and a right jolly time was spent.

SALE OF HORSES AT TATTERSALL'S.

The weather last Monday was of such a disagreeable character—a cold, thick fog prevailing to an extent but seldom experienced—that there was a very thin attendance at Albert-gate. Prices, for the most part, in consequence, ruled low. Amongst those which caused the best competition were four hunters the property of Colonel the Hon. H. Legge, 9th Lancers. Black Bess, a black mare, by Glenfillan, up to 13 st., was cheap at 120 gs.; and Mystery, a brown gelding by The Ghost, up to weight, and a good hunter, made the top price, 150 gs., whilst Diana, a chestnut mare by Duc de Beaufort, a lady's hunter, was not dear at 60 gs.

THE THAMES ROWING CLUB

decided the final heat of their sculling handicap for Mr. A. F. Brophy's annual prize on Saturday afternoon last, the course, as in the preliminary heats, being between the Crab Tree and Putney Dummy. With a liberal start of 55 sec. the decider was looked upon as a good thing for James Hastie, for many years one of the most prominent members of the club; but the rapid ebb tide was all in favour of the long-start division, and the veteran could only finish second to F. G. Long, 100 sec. start.

ULYETT,

the well-known cricketer belonging to the Yorkshire team, has accepted the invitation to fill the vacancy in the English team at the Cape caused by the return of Mr. J. H. Roberts. He decided to leave on board the Grantully Castle, on Wednesday.

FOOTBALL.

Although it was the close of the holiday week, a large number of football matches were decided last Saturday. The weather in the north was cold and frosty, whilst in the south the air was damp, the ground in some cases being on the soft side. The following are the results of the chief matches:—

RUGBY.

Cardiff beat the Maories, at Cardiff, by 1 goal 1 try to 1 try.
Blackheath beat the Harlequins, at Chiswick, by 1 goal 2 tries to nil.
Northumberland beat Westmorland, at Newcastle, by 2 tries to nil.
Manchester beat Old Leysians, at Manchester, by 2 goals to 2 tries.
Newport beat London Welsh, at Newport, by 2 tries to nil.
Kensington beat Old Cheltonians, at Wormwood Scrubbs, by 2 goals and 3 tries to nil.
Swansea beat Oldham, at Swansea, by 2 goals 1 try to 1 dropped goal.
Halifax beat Broughton Rangers, at Halifax, by 1 goal 1 try to nil.
Dewsbury beat Hull, at Dewsbury, by 2 tries to nil.
Llanelly beat York, at Llanelly, by a goal and a try to a try.
Kent Rovers beat Queen's, at Eltham, by 1 goal 1 try to nil.
Leicester beat Nottingham, at Leicester, by 4 goals 1 try to nil.
Clapham Rovers beat Marlborough Nomads, at Surbiton, by 1 goal 3 tries to nil.
Moseley beat Rugby, at Birmingham, by 1 goal 2 tries to nil.
Rochdale Hornets beat Salford, at Rochdale, by 2 goals 2 tries to nil.
South Northamptonshire beat Buckingham, at Northampton, by 3 goals 2 tries to 2 tries.
Kingston-upon-Thames beat Southsea, at Portsmouth, by 1 goal 2 tries to nil.
Wakefield Trinity beat Leeds St. John's, at Leeds, by 2 trials to nil.
Wickham Park beat Saracens, at Lee, by 2 goals to nil.
London Scottish v. Old Merchant Taylors, at Brondesbury (scratched).
Fettesian-Lorettonians beat Liverpool, at Birkenhead, by 5 goals 5 tries to nil.

ASSOCIATION.

Casuals (on tour) beat Notts Forest, at Nottingham (4—1).
Old Westminsters beat Old Brightonians, at the Oval (5—0).
Great Marlow beat Chiswick Park, at Marlow (2—0).
Swifts beat Old Wykehamists, at Slough (8—0).
Northamptonshire beat Cambridgeshire, at Wellingborough (7—2).
Corinthians beat Newton Heath, at Newton Heath (4—0).
Old Foresters beat Lancing Old Boys, at Surbiton (4—1).
Old Harrovians beat Casuals, at Harrow (5—3).
Chichester beat Southdown, at Chichester (2—1).
Grimsby Town beat Glasgow Motherwell, at Clee Park (5—1).
Small Heath drew with Derby Midland, at Derby (2—2).
Staveley beat Rotherham, at Staveley (3—2).
Sheffield Wednesday beat West-End, at Newcastle (1—0).

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Over 30,000 people witnessed the League matches on Saturday, each game being stubbornly contested, and not a single draw has to be recorded. The following are the results:—

Aston Villa beat Derby County, at Aston Villa (4—2).
Accrington beat Everton, at Accrington (3—1).
Burnley beat Notts County, at Burnley (1—0).
Bolton Wanderers beat Wolverhampton Wanderers, at Bolton (2—1).
Preston North-End beat Blackburn Rovers, at Deepdale (1—0).
West Bromwich Albion beat Stoke, at West Bromwich (2—0).

In the second round of the Essex County Challenge Cup, Ilford (holders) beat Clapton, at Upton (3—2); whilst in the Kent County Cup competition (second round) Chatham beat Rochester, at Chatham (4—2).

MONDAY'S MATCHES.

The interchange of visits by football clubs, as usual at this season, commenced in earnest on Monday. Nearly all the contests were decided under Association rules, the only Rugby games being the victory of Salford over the Old Leysians, at Manchester, by 1 goal and 2 tries to 1 goal and 1 try; a well-merited success of the Fettesian-Lorettonians against Bradford, at Park-avenue, by 2 goals to 1; and defeats of Oldham and Swansea by Cardiff and York by 5 goals and 1 try to nil and 3 goals and 1 try to 1 try respectively. Of the Association fixtures we may note the following:—Cambuslang beat Preston North End, on frozen ground, at Deepdale, after a poor game by 2 goals to none; Celtic beat Birmingham St. George's, at Glasgow (7—1); Newton Heath beat 3rd Lanark R.V., at Newton Heath (1—0); Durham County beat Corinthians, at Darlington (4—0); Long Eaton Rangers beat Casuals, at Long Eaton (5—2); Blackburn Rovers beat Heart of Midlothian, at Blackburn (5—2); Clyde beat Sheffield, at Sheffield (2—1); Burnley beat Walsall Town Swifts, at Burnley (2—1); Bolton Wanderers beat Partick Thistle, at Bolton (6—1); Accrington beat Kilmarnock, at Accrington (3—2); Glasgow Northern beat Bootle, at Bootle (2—1); and Middlesbrough beat Dumbarton Athletic, at Middlesbrough (4—2). The matches East End v. Renton, at Newcastle (2—2); Sunderland v. Mossend Swifts, at Sunderland (2—2); and Park Grange v. Stockton-on-Tees, at Stockton (1—1), were left drawn.

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GENERAL GRENFELL'S VICTORY AT SOUAKIM: TRIUMPHANT CHARGE OF OUR GALLANT EGYPTIAN TROOPS.

The Playgoer.

THE Macbeth and Lady Macbeth of Mr. Henry Irving and Miss Ellen Terry held spellbound the large audience that filled the Lyceum to overflowing last Saturday night. Theatre-goers who take in their *Penny Illustrated Paper* will have been prepared for the appearance of Mr. Irving in his arduous part by the character-portrait of the great actor published in the last Number of this Journal. Albeit the newspaper toadies of Mr. Irving have striven to overwhelm the distinguished Manager by fulsome gush and indiscriminate laudation which so true an artist must rate at its right value, the magnificent Lyceum revival of "Macbeth" has survived this hyperbolical adulation, and will for months to come draw admiring audiences by reason alike of the histrionic novelty of Mr. Irving's and Miss Terry's clever assumptions, and of the historic accuracy and scenic beauty of the scenes, perfect triumphs of theatrical art. The Macbeth and Lady Macbeth are carefully thought-out studies; and, though the talented and consistent impersonations may appear inadequate to those wedded to the thunder of the old-fashioned declamatory school, yet there can be no denying the truth of Mr. Irving's ignoble portrait from his point of view of Macbeth, and it would be equally wrong to question the genuine womanliness of Miss Terry's gentle Lady Macbeth—a sweetly sympathetic spouse, with sufficient of the cat in her, like most women, to nerve her to egg on her hesitating husband to commit the murder he wishes in his heart of hearts to commit for foul ambition's sake. Mr. Irving's conception of Macbeth is that of a valiant soldier, who can by the influence of Superstition and the evil counsels of his wife be made to degenerate into a conscience-racked and trembling poltroon till the realisation of one after the other of the witches' predictions makes him reckless of his life once more, and leads him to end it in his fierce combat with Macduff. Mr. Irving carries out his ideal to the letter. His is a grand piece of acting—finest, perhaps, in the despairing soliloquy in which he recognises that his crimes have at last come home to roost. Having suffered whilst listening to many a bygone Lady Macbeth who has out-Heroded Herod in love for blood, and outroared the sea in elocution, I confess to being most agreeably surprised, nay, charmed, by the fascinating acting of Miss Terry in this trying part. It was a wonderfully pretty picture she made when reading by the glowing fire the letter which first tells of Macbeth's ambition; and it mated admirably with the impressive opening interview of Macbeth with the three weird witches. She was the comforting and nerving consort of Macbeth throughout: his firm counsellor when she saw he needed steeling to murder Duncan; a serenely calm and self-possessed Queen when he would betray himself in the Banquo scene; an infinitely sorrowful and repentant woman in her final sleep-walking soliloquy, throughout thoroughly womanly and of gentle breeding. Ellen Terry's seemed to me a consistently natural Lady Macbeth, and eminently suited to the Macbeth of Mr. Irving. Each fine embodiment is an intellectual treat of the highest order. Both were rewarded by tempests of applause. Worthy the companionship of such principals were Mr. Alexander as a manly Macduff, Mr. Haviland as a dignified Duncan, Mr. Wenman as Banquo, Mr. Webster as Malcolm, and Mr. Harvey as Donaldbain, Mr. Howe as Siward, Miss Coleridge as a Gentlewoman, Miss Ivor as Hecate, and Misses Marriott, Desborough, and Seaman as the three Witches. Of dulcet sweetness was Sir Arthur Sullivan's new music, but hardly appropriate to the tragedy. No finer scenery has ever been seen, even at the Lyceum. In varied beauty Mr. Hawes Craven has surpassed himself. Nature, transcribed by the genius hand of Mr. Hawes Craven, adds to the seductive charm of Mr. Irving's grand revival of "Macbeth." It is but just to state, in conclusion, that the guiding brain and master hand of Mr. Irving were throughout visible in this triumphant performance of Shakspeare's moving tragedy.

Let me hark back to Mr. Augustus Harris's sumptuously beautiful pantomime, "The Babes in the Wood," to recommend my friends to book early and often for Old Drury, as seats are likely to be at a premium on fogless nights. I am inclined to think "the cake" for frolicsome humour is taken here by the dapper newcomer, Mr. Dan Leno, who is sketched as the galvanic Baroness in a wonderfully amusing dance, which sets the house in a roar. The substantial "Babes," Mr. Herbert Campbell and Mr. Harry Nicholls, would have no excuse if they did not vie in drollery with light-footed Dan Leno and jolly Victor Stevens. My verdict that the colossal Procession of Games and Toy Ballet and the brilliant Bird Ballet would be pronounced *the* spectacular triumphs of the season has proved correct.

"Sweet Cinderella"—Geoffrey Thorn's bright and jolly pantomime at the Grand—has already been commended to your notice; and the winsomeness of the elegant little heroine, so well represented by dainty Dot Mario, has been also mentioned. The Islington holiday entertainment is returned to in order that a sketch may be given of another of the favourites in "Sweet Cinderella"—the grotesque "Ally Sloper"-ish individual who elicits mirth by playing the fiddle on a bow-wow.

The patient and remunerative "Gods" and Pittites, among whom are to be numbered the zealous members of the Playgoers' Club, were treated to a new front piece at the Gaiety on Monday night. Foggy without, but bright on the stage when the curtain rose on the pretty Surrey farmyard in which, with a real English landscape as background, the action of "Richard Henry's" effective new two-act drama, "First Mate," took place. "First Mate" is a capital combination of comedy and sentiment, and proved thoroughly interesting apparently to all save a few critical wet blankets, which, impregnated with fog, communicated their haziness to the dailies that admit their carping criticism. The "First Mate" of this welcome rustic piece is a captivating farmer's daughter, Deborah by name, played to the life by Miss Marie Illington, who gets a pretty neighbour, Miss Jenny M'Nulty, out of a rent difficulty, interchanges love-passages with her sporting lover, Mr. George Stone, and consoles her tearful old father (Mr. Harry Parker) when he receives ill-tidings of his sailor-son. Jack's return to make all happy is one of the most touching and most artistically managed episodes to be seen on any stage in London, and affords proof that "Richard Henry" could supply a melodrama that should rank with the most successful plays of modern times. Mr. George Edwardes, in response to repeated calls, explained that he was not "the author"—he wished he were—but that he would communicate the favourable verdict to "Richard Henry."

The sudden death of "The Great Vance" from heart-disease at the Sun Music Hall, on Boxing Night—seized whilst singing "Are You Guilty?"—removes from our midst one of the most conspicuous of music hall artists, one who formerly enjoyed the patronage of the Prince of Wales. As a memento of Mr. Alfred G. Vance, a sketch of him is given. The comic vocalist, once renowned for "Jolly Dogs" and "Walking in the Zoo," is portrayed in one of the best of his impersonations—"The Chickaleary Cove," who used to boast "Whitechapel was the village he was born in." In the majority of Vance's ditties there was a fast, man-about-town tone that I own I didn't care for. But as he amused a Prince and many thousands in his time, "The Great Vance" was deemed worth delineating.

A FATAL ICE ACCIDENT

occurred last Sunday afternoon at Blurton, North Staffordshire. Whilst four lads were sliding on a duck-pond they were precipitated into the water, and a young man, a farmer's son, hearing their cries for assistance, with great gallantry leapt into the water, and with considerable difficulty succeeded in rescuing three of the lads in an exhausted condition. The fourth, named Arthur Colclough, aged nine years, residing at a place called Dresden, was drowned. Three boys—Herbert Taylor and two brothers named Forster—were drowned the same evening while sliding on a pit at Marston, in Cheshire. On Sunday night also three boys, ranging from twelve to fifteen years of age, were sliding on the ice covering a disused quarry-hole at Queensferry, near Dunfermline, when the ice gave way, and they were all three drowned.

A youth named Edward Lewis, son of the head-gardener to the late Mr. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., was drowned on Monday whilst skating on a lake near Menai Bridge. At Rhosllunerchrugog, Ruabon, on Monday evening, a shop assistant named Pritchard was skating on an old pit mouth with his companion when the ice broke suddenly, and he was precipitated into the pit. A frantic effort was made to save the youth, but he got under the ice and was lost to sight. He was drowned.

THE EMPRESS FREDERICK has sent a present to the Bethnal-green Free Library. This is the tenth gift received by the trustees from members of the Royal family.

TWO THOUSAND DEATHS FROM CHOLERA.—A Rome telegram says:—The Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda Fide has received intelligence from Manchooria of terrible floods, causing the loss of many lives, as also of a most virulent outbreak of cholera at Quilon, where 2000 Christians are reported to have succumbed to the epidemic. The Italian Carmelite missionaries are described as indefatigable in their care of the sick.

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The brilliant success of the *People* newspaper is a notable instance of what may be accomplished by judicious enterprise, guided by skill and experience. Let all credit due for the result be given to the spirited Proprietors, Major Armstrong and Mr. William Thomas Madge, and to the Editors, who have made the *People* one of the liveliest and most readable of Sunday journals. We give some Drawings of the handsome and commodious new offices of the *People*—situated in Milford-lane, Strand, and formerly well known as the Whittington Club and then as the Temple Club. Londoners who have danced at the Whittington or dined at the Temple will be surprised to learn that these capacious club premises have been transformed into one of the completest newspaper establishments in the metropolis. The transformation has been ably effected, under the direction of Mr. E. Clark, architect and surveyor, by Messrs. Patman and Fotheringham, builders, of Theobald's-road. The new offices of the *People* are model offices. Everything is done under one roof. With its elegant, arched ceiling, the Composing-room, as delineated, is the finest of its kind in London. Adjoining it is the Foundry, from which the stereotyped plates are quickly sent down a lift to the basement, where are the six compact printing machines of Messrs. Joseph Foster and Sons, of Preston; each machine printing and folding the *People* at the rate of 12,000 copies per hour, and sorting them into half quires into the bargain. The spacious Composing and Printing rooms are illustrated, together with the electric-lighted front of the *People*'s present home. Brains are honoured as well as skilled labour, the lofty editorial chambers being not unworthy the spacious printing and publishing departments. Altogether, it was a compliment eminently deserved by Captain Armstrong and Mr. Madge when the Solicitor-General (Sir Edward Clarke) filled the place of the Right Hon. W. H. Smith (unavoidably absent), and in an exceedingly apt speech congratulated the proprietors on their success, and opened the palatial premises of the *People*.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

Sweet Miss Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine,
Be thou my ever-faithful Valentine!

Forgive me, friends, for dropping thus early into poetry, after the fashion of good old Silas Wegg. Put it down to the New-Year's Eve mottoes. Blame Tom Smith's erotic couplets, not me, I'm so susceptible. I own it. Open confession being good for the soul, I make no bones of the avowal. But proceed to business. How d' ye like the Royal National Circus? They go round in a circle with a vengeance in that Imperial ring—they do. They rarely seem to get any forrarder. Why? 'Twixt the outs and the ins ye may parcel the sins! Pray cast your eyes around, and relish the same old familiar bill-of-fare set forth for your entertainment, regardless of expense (out of your own pockets).

Play up the National Anthem! Grand entrée of Salisbury's Queen équestrienne, Victoria, Sovereign artiste of the world. See! Vic leaps through the New-Year's hoop with accustomed agility, and wishes a Happy New Year to All! The same to her Gracious Majesty, and many of 'em! Seeing how bravely her eldest son, the Prince Bonhomme of the ring, performs his great trick act—sustaining by his own sheer strength Princess Sweeteyes and their goodly family of Five (Prince George round his middle), and maintaining his balance on horseback, if not elsewhere—I warrant Victoria (who has saved a bit in her old stocking) will give Albert Edward a substantial New Year's Gift. It is high time for the gaieties of the Court Circus of St. James's to be revived in earnest. Nothing would please

Salisbury better. Nothing would be more congenial for Prince Bonhomme and Princess Sweeteyes than to abandon the rôles of comparatively thrifty hermits for Highlyers of Fashion. There are signs about that the public are sick and tired of Court seclusion. The hour is ripe for Buckingham Palace to hold its own again against any Court in Christendom. Be wise in time, Messieurs and Mesdames!

Be pleased to observe next the amusing comic entry of the great little clown, Randolph Churchill. None can wield the bladder of peas more neatly on the backs of his old chums than Randolph. Mark well the curly-moustached "comique"! None but himself 's his parallel. Take my word for it—let the Carlton rave against him as it may—Lord Randolph will fill a higher post than he has done. The smart creator of the Fourth Party has the nucleus of a formidable FIFTH PARTY in Louis John Jennings, M.P., and stalwart Robert William Hanbury—his future Chancellor of the Exchequer and War Minister. Randolph is for Economy of National Expenditure combined with Efficiency—and for a sensibly liberal Home and Foreign policy. He strives to speak and act in the interests of the People. He will—health lasting—go far. Why, "when I come to think of it," Lord Randolph stands a 100 to 1 better chance of becoming Prime Minister than "Dizzy" did at his age. A Happy New Year, Randolph!

Look at Ringmaster Balfour! Yes; he bears himself perkily enough, let Randolph bang him never so featly with his bag of peas. I own I admire his imperturbability, his "cheek." But will it last? Easy enough when ye have the "whip-hand" and plenty of ring-hands to help ye to be supercilious and co-ercively cool. But a General Election may and probably will deprive Master Balfour of whip and Unionist ring-hands as well. Where will he be then? Pride will have a richly-merited fall, I guess.

Can ye spot the Sailor on Horseback? Lord Charley Beresford, the "Condor" hero, is as true a Sailor as ever trod the quarterdeck. What if he did tumble off his steed in the Row? Not the first gallant seaman who has done so! For sound knowledge of our Navy and its requirements, I'd back Lord Charles any day against that landlubber, Lord George Hamilton, who has realised Gilbert's gibe:—

Then stick to your books, and never go to sea,
And you're sure to be Ruler of the Queen's Navee!

But "confound their politics"! As jovial Freeman Thomas confidently whispers to his genial factotum, Walter Gooch, they have a far better circus show at Covent-Garden. With a full Pit and Gallery, I laughed heartily at the Covent-Garden funniments of one of the very best troupes the famous Henglers ever marshalled—roared till my sides fairly ached at the droll and novel "lion-taming" performances of that true humourist, "Whimsical Walker"; was immensely tickled at the merry clowning of "Boney," the smallest member of George Lockhart's cleverly trained elephants; was greatly amused by the leaps of the two-year-old equestrian bear, Caviar, and his good-humoured boxing-match with a fine English mastiff, who nimbly fought the Crimean War over again; and I was fairly witched with the "noble horsemanship" of the star artistes. Drop into Henglers', at Covent-Garden, with the full certainty that ye will enjoy one of the freshest and most entertaining hippo-dramatic programmes ever offered to the London public. 'Tis a treat to hear the infectious laughter of the little ones alone—God bless 'em!

CODLIN.

STAGE AND ORCHESTRA.

THE CARL ROSA OPERA COMPANY, which in the New Year well maintains its pride of place as the best of all English opera troupes, commenced what bids fair to be a very brilliant season with the "Trovatore" at the Liverpool Court, on Monday. Madame Georgina Burns, Mr. Leslie Crotty, Mr. Barton M'Guckin, and Miss Jenny Dickerson were the principals.

PLANQUETTE'S "PAUL JONES," the first of the Carl Rosa Company's light comic operas, full of tuneful music, and ravishingly costumed by Alias, will be produced by Mr. Rosa and Mr. Sedger at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, Jan. 12. In the provinces "Paul Jones" has reached the Lyceum, Edinburgh.

MR. WILSON BARRETT is starring with Miss Eastlake at Nottingham in their old Princess's rôles. Should "Hands Across the Sea"—going well at the London Princess's still—decline in popularity, Mr. Wilson Barrett comes to town with two new plays for the Princess's—"Now-a-Days," for matinées; and "The Good Old Times," written by himself and Mr. Hall Caine, for nightly performance.

MISS GRACE HAWTHORNE, whose numerous friends will regret to hear she has been seriously ill, is to appear—if well enough—with Mr. Barrett—in "Now-a-days."

MRS. NYE CHART has "struck ile" at the Brighton Royal with the pantomime of "The Forty Thieves."

MR. W. BURTON GREEN is "going it." He not only produces a rollicking good pantomime, "The Babes," at the Elephant and Castle; but he is also running "Jack the Giant-Killer" at the Eastbourne Theatre Royal, and thence travels with it to Hastings and Bournemouth.

THE LIVERPOOL PANTOMIMES are "Little Jack and the Beanstalk" at the Prince of Wales's, "Dick Whittington" at the Alexandra, "Cinderella" at the Rotunda, "The Yellow Dwarf" at the Shakspeare, and "Little Red Riding Hood" at Heugler's Cirque.

THE MANCHESTER PANTOMIMES are "The Forty Thieves" at the Royal, "Sindbad" at the Prince's, "Blue Beard" at the Queen's, "Aladdin" at the Comedy, and "Cinderella" at the Royal Circus. Attractive New Year's Day concerts were given at the Free Trade Hall and at St. James's Hall.

THE GRAND THEATRE, KIRKCALDY, was burned to the ground last Saturday morning shortly before three o'clock. The fire was discovered by a passing policeman, who gave the alarm, and brought the fire-brigade to the spot within a few minutes. Their efforts to save the building were futile, however, as it was completely gutted in a very short time, nothing being left but the bare walls. The theatre was opened two years ago, and was seated for 1400.

MADAMME ALBANI sang in "The Messiah" at the Albert Hall, last Tuesday.

ADELINA PATTI will sing at two extra Albert Hall Concerts on Jan. 8 and 22.

MISS GRACE HAWTHORN has kindly extended to Jan. 18 the ticket benefit at the Princess's Theatre, in aid of the fund for providing halfpenny dinners for the children of St. John's parish, Bethnal-green.

"JOSEPH'S SWEETHEART," Mr. Robert Buchanan's comedy, which is still playing to crowded houses, reaches its 250th performance on Friday at the Vaudeville Theatre. On the same evening will be produced at this house a new comedy, in one act, by Mr. Fred W. Broughton, "The Poet," in which Mr. Fred Thorne, Mr. F. Gillmore, Mr. Cyril Maude, Miss Maunders, and Miss Annie Irish will appear.

THE BALDWIN MONKEY occasions much mirth at the Westminster Aquarium, which is furthermore attractive by reason of the appearance of M. Bustier De Kolta in "The Cocoon" mystery, and the production by Mr. David De Pinna of a bright and merry pantomime, "The Palace of Gold," in which the renowned Pinnauds are the chief fun-makers; Miss Nellie Waite, Miss Cora Kent, the Sisters Duncan, "Three Ottos," and agile Corps de Ballet also adding to the vivacity of the entertainment.

THE FOG.

RAILWAY SHOCK AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

IN consequence of the dense fog which prevailed in the metropolis on Monday an accident occurred at Loughborough Junction, on the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway, whereby about a dozen person were shaken, one so severely as to necessitate his removal to St. Bartholomew's Hospital. At about seven o'clock a thick fog suddenly settled, and the fogmen were ordered to their posts. A London and South-Western Railway Company's train from Ludgate-hill to Richmond was standing on the down road of the Metropolitan Extension Line, at the platform, waiting for the starting signal to proceed to Brixton. A train on the same pair of rails left Camberwell New-road at seven p.m., and the signals were against its entering Loughborough Junction. The driver, however, could not see them, and, mistaking his position, he allowed his train to run slowly into the station, at 7.2 p.m., with the result that the heavy engine collided with the rear brake-van of the stationary South-Western train. The shock was conveyed along the whole length of the latter by the close buffers, and the front wheels of the brake next the engine were thrown off the metals. Twelve people handed in their names to the officials as having been shaken. There were no cuts or broken limbs. They were all South-Western Railway passengers, and all were able to go to their homes, excepting one man named King, living in Water-lane, Brixton, who was taken to Snow-hill, the nearest station to St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Traffic on the down line was delayed for about an hour and a half, but one road only was affected.

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE.

DURING the year which closed last Monday Masonic benevolence produced an amount for the three English Masonic Charitable Institutions combined far surpassing that of any previous twelvemonth, and exceeding the largest annual sum hitherto collected for them by £21,855.

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The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the oldest of the three institutions, which celebrated the completion of its first hundred years of existence on June 7, shows a total receipt of £49,259 4s. 4d.; the youngest of the institutions, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, a sum of £21,361 15s. 1d.; and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was ninety years old last year, the amount of £12,293 2s. 5d., a less sum than either of these institutions has received in any one of the previous seven years.

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The largest amounts in former years obtained by these institutions were £25,968 4s. 4d. in 1887 by the Benevolent Institution and £25,010 17s. 1d. in 1883 by the Boys' School; but both these institutions were most seriously affected in 1888 by the special effort made to celebrate the centenary of the Girls' School last year by an extraordinary subscription, which realised, under the chairmanship of the Prince of Wales at the festival at the Albert Hall, £44,660 14s. 11d. The Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution will not have such an adverse circumstance to contend against this year, and the totals of the three will probably resume their normal amounts.

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Apart from these institutions, another body which is doing a great work in relieving distress is the Board of Benevolence, which meets once a month, and dispenses the Fund of Benevolence, to which every English Freemason, by the very fact of his becoming a Mason and subscribing to a lodge, contributes. During the year 1888 the Board of Benevolence made grants to cases of distress to the amount of £11,468.

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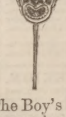

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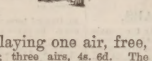

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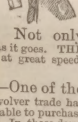

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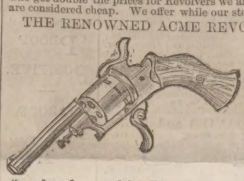

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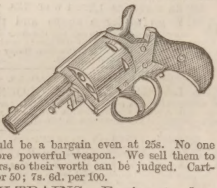

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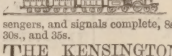

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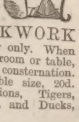

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